

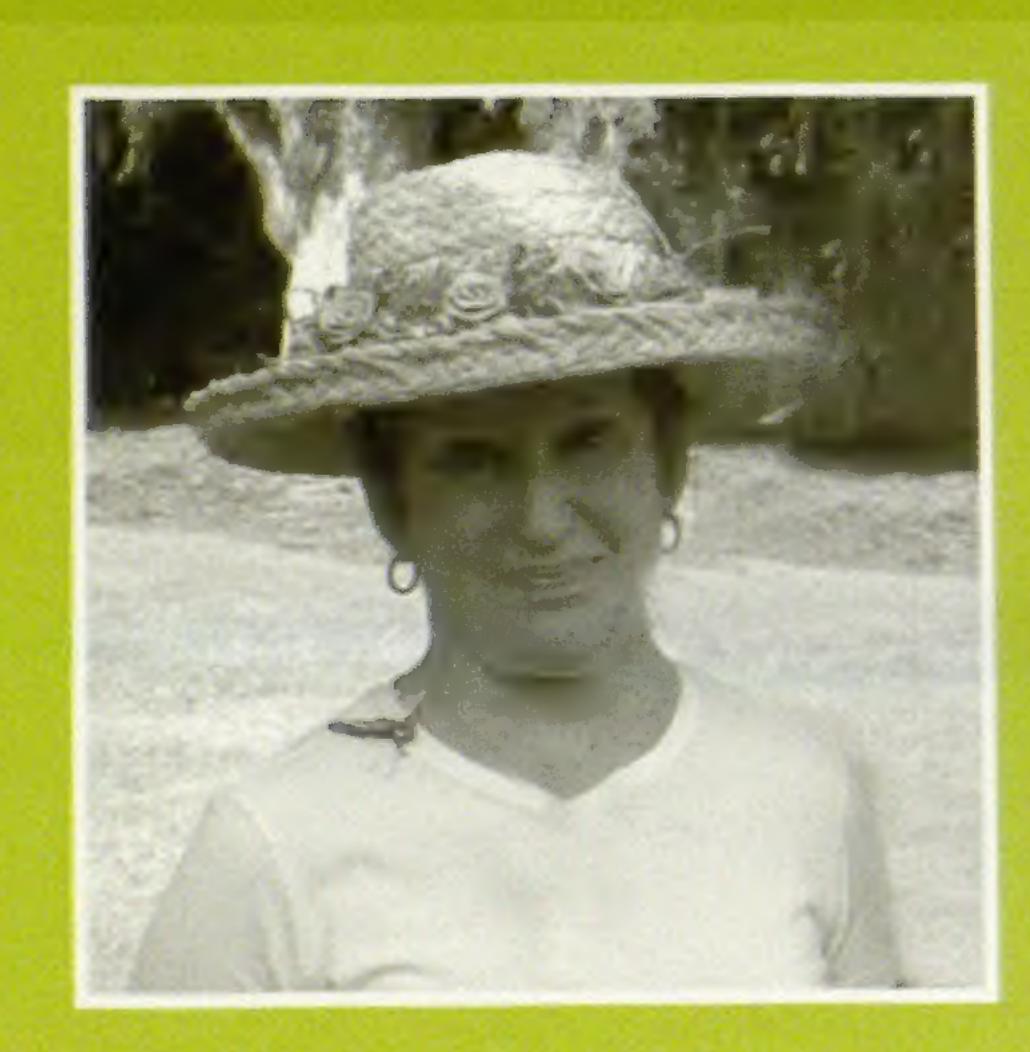
## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

G. Arnold Mulder, M.D. President

One of the features of good garden design is to risk having some plants that test the extremes of our weather. These plants are often the spice that can make a garden glow, but not this year. We froze, but fortunately most of the damage was to the soft, "fleshy" plants that can be easily replaced. We hope your gardens got through ok. Our thoughts are with the fruit growers who are seriously hurt by the freeze.

Speaking of good design, we are busy (I should say really busy) getting ready for the LA Garden Show. It is the first weekend in May with a theme of "Designing Your Garden". The team that is preparing it for you is amazing. We will have lots of new things to show off and, as usual, great unique plants for sale — save the date May 5 & 6

See you there.



"Your Garden design gives pleasure to the eye in its presentation, in fragrances of seasonal blooms and peace for the soul."

Jane R. Herrmann, LA Garden Show Chairperson

The Arboretum's mission is to cultivate our natural, horticultural and historic resources for learning, enjoyment and inspiration.

Our vision is to be one of the world's truly great arboretums and botanic gardensthe garden which best reflects Southern California's distinct climate, community and openness to new ideas.



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The Arboretum is proud to bring you the largest outdoor garden show on the west coast the weekend of May 5 and 6, 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The 2007 LA Garden Show presented by Monrovia Growers carries a theme of "Designing Your Garden", a tribute to designers and the visionary artistry they provide in making our outdoor living areas functional, beautiful and inspiring. You will see a dozen garden designs by the best designers in Southern California, including a new permanent exhibit, which you will read about in this edition of the Members' Magazine.

The LA Garden Show continues to grow in its offerings and is already on its way to being a regional draw in Southern California. We hope you will take advantage of the lectures, demonstrations and book signings by well-know garden experts and authors.

A garden show cannot be without plants and The Marketplace will feature over forty specialty vendors with a huge selection of hearty plants and the latest specialty garden décor, tools and furniture. A wide variety of rare and hard-to-find plants as well as your colorful favorites will be for sale, including those from The Arboretum's own collections.

For those interested in previewing the show with music, hors d'oeuvres, wine by Sanford Winery & Vineyards and drawing opportunities, an opening night preview reception will be held on Friday, May 4. Preview and purchase 4:30 to 6:00 P.M. and reception 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. Tickets are \$75 per person and support The Arboretum's gardens and programs. To purchase tickets call 626.821.3237.

We hope to see you here.



# PLANTS & PEOPLE

Timothy R. Phillips, Superintendent

A Fat and Prickly Exhibit Opens at The Arboretum

love extreme plants. The plant world is filled with them, most having evolved in the world's most extreme environments--those seemingly inhospitably arid lands we call deserts.

The Arboretum will proudly present its Madagascar Spiny Forest, unveiling at the 2007 LA Garden Show May 5 & 6. This permanent exhibit will celebrate botanical diversity and educate our visitors on the importance of plant conservation and promote the awareness of arid plants. This will be the only garden of its kind in Southern California and possibly the largest public collection of Spiny Forest plant material outside of Madagascar.

Geographically isolated, the island of Madagascar is about as far as far gets from Southern California. Because of the island's size, geographical isolation, and diverse topography it is home to a plethora of unique flora and fauna found nowhere else on the planet. When humans arrived into Madagascar a couple thousand years ago, a handful of its animal inhabitants fell into the category of megafauna. The very large flightless birds were most notable; some of which would have literally made our modern day ostriches look like geese. There were lemurs the size of apes, as well as many other interesting creatures that are now extinct. Likewise, the island's flora was and still is, very unique. However, as with many of the animal species, much of the island's habitat has disappeared and is rapidly being depleted by grazing practices, firewood collection and illegal collection of some of the much sought after plant species.

Madagascar is predominantly a tropical island, however, due to the extremes in elevations and its extension southward beyond the Tropic of Capricorn, there are significant temperature differences found from region to region. The Spiny Forest habitat occupies the southwest section of the island and has a climate similar to the deserts of central and southern Baja, California.

The rich flora that makes up the Spiny Forrest is, like many other desert floras around



the world—extreme. One family, endemic to this arid southwest region, is the Didiereceae.

This family is comprised of four genera: Alluaudia, Alluaudiopsis, Decaryia, and Didierea.

All of these genera, superficially look alike--having one major feature in common--spines.

Remarkably, in form and function, this family closely resembles the North American desert family of plants called the Fouquieriaceae. The best known in this family are Fouquiera columnaris, commonly know as the Boojum Tree of Central Baja; and Fouquiera splendens, or the Ocotillo of the American South West. These plant families are similar due to a phenomenon known as convergent evolution; plants (and other organisms) that are unrelated and grow in climatically similar, but geographically distant habitats. They have adapted to the climates by developing similar adaptive characteristics and traits. Arid land plants often have spines no matter where the arid land is.

Madagascar is also home to an abundance of palm species and aloes, many of which grow remarkably well in Southern California when given adequate horticultural attention. Of them, only two species are known to occur in the Spiny Forest. They include the world famous *Dypsis decaryi*, commonly known as the Triangle Palm, and *Ravenea xerophila*, a very rare, slow growing feather palm that has adapted to the harsh environs of the Spiny Forest through the production of thick, fleshy carrot-like roots.

The most-well known group of Spiny Forest plants, commonly sold in nurseries under the name Madagascar Palm, belong to the Genus *Pachypodium*. These plants produce beautiful fragrant white flowers and maintain a shield of formidable spines that blanket their bulbous trunk. The Arboretum will also feature various species of aloes found in the Spiny Forest including the *Aloe vaombe* and *A. suzannae*. Both of these species become very large and like many of the aloes from the African continent, produce their flowers in the winter months.

I invite you to explore the world with us and see this fat and prickly new permanent exhibit.



# CALENDAR APRIL- JUNE, 2007

# MAKE A DATE Ongoing Activities

ARBORETUM LIBRARY

Tuesday-Friday; 8am-5.15pm Every other Saturday; 8.30am-5pm

SANTA ANITA DEPOT

Tuesday & Wednesday; 10am-4pm Sundays; 1-4pm

FAMILY BIRD WALK

1st Saturday of the month; 8am

FAMILY PICNIC SUNDAYS

3rd Sunday of the month

ARBORETUNABOONAWORNS

3rd Sunday of the month; 2-3pm (ages 3-8)
3rd Wednesday of the month; 10-11am(pre-school)

3rd Tuesday of the month

WALKING TOURS

Daily (call ahead for schedule)

Every Sunday; 2-3pm Check your local cable channel.

# PLANT AHEAD

Events and Exhibitions

April 7; 8am - SANTA ANITA DERBY DAY

April 7; 10am to 2pm - THE GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT

April 14; 9am to 4:30pm - 4th ANNUAL KOREAN GARDEN FESTIVAL

April 28 & 29; Sat. 1pm to 5pm; Sun. 9am to 3:30pm - ROSE SHOW AND SALE

May 5 & 6; 9am to 4:30pm - LA GARDEN SHOW

May 12 & 13; 9am to 4pm - MOTHER'S DAY GERANIUM SHOW

May 13; 10am to 4pm - THE QUEEN ANNE COTTAGE OPEN HOUSE

May 19 & 20; 9am to 4pm - 48TH ANNUAL EPIPHYLLUM SHOW AND SALE

May 26 - 28; 9:30am to 5pm - SANTA ANITA BONSAI SHOW

June 2; 10am to 4pm - DAYLILY SHOW AND PLANT SALE

June 9 & 10; 9am to 4:30pm - FERN AND EXOTIC PLANT SHOW AND SALE

June 30 - CAL PHIL SEASON BEGINS

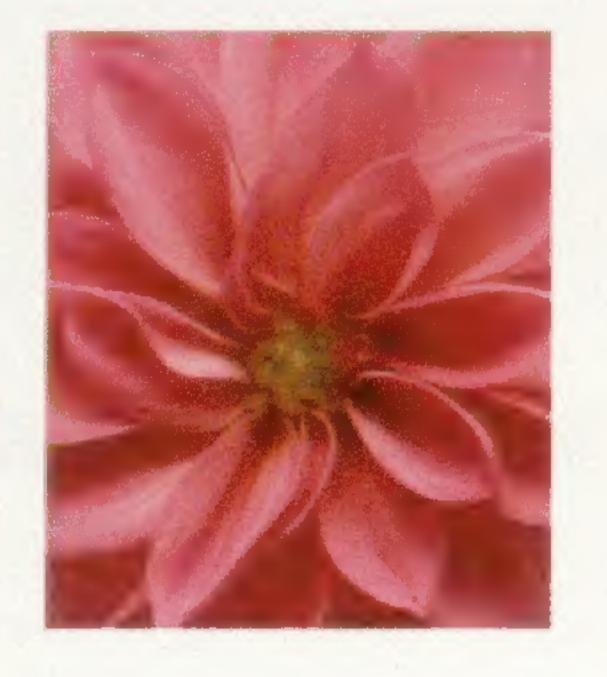


	April		May		June
SUN	Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm	1 TUE	Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm	1 FRI	
2 MOI	Botanical Watercolor Workshop, 8 Mondays, March 5-April 23; 9:30-11:30; \$35/\$42 non-members; self-directed workshop Tai Chi with Master Mochi Sasian Yau; 6:30-7:30pm; Intermediate: 7:30-8:30pm;	2 WED	Plant Studies with Olga Eysymontt; 9: 30am-1:30pm; \$160 / \$176 non-members Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm		Daylily Show & Sale; 10am-4pm  Garden Sprouts: Saturday Kids Gardening Club, 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month; 9- 11am; \$10/class; \$12/class non-members
	\$48/\$52 non-members  Park Facilities-Mt. San Antonio College class; Mondays, Feb. 26-June19; 6-9:10pm; call 626.821,4623 for information	3 THU	Seminars with Lili Singer: Beyond Bloom: Designing with Foliage with Marcel Lineiro; 9: 30-Noon; \$20 per class; pay at the door	2 SAT	KidsArt; 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For Registration Call (818) 248-2764  Family Adventures: Painted Fish & Fish
3 TUE	Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm  Plant Studies with Olga Eysymontt; 4  Wednesdays, April 4, 18, 25, May 2;	FRI	Compulsive Gardeners: Class is full  Ikebana with Reiko Kawamura; 9:30-11:30  \$65/\$80 non-members with \$24 materials fee		Painting; 2-4pm; \$15/family; \$20/family non-members  Grafting Workshop; Mits Kawahara, Instructor; 2-4pm; \$20/\$22 non-members
WED	9:30-1:30; \$160 / \$176 non-members  Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm	5 SAT	LA Garden Show Family Bird Walk; 8am	3 SUN	matructor, z-4pm, \$20/\$22 non-members
5 THU	Seminars with Lili Singer: Edible Theme Gardens with Rosalind Creasy; 9:30am-Noon; \$20 per class; pay at the door  Compulsive Gardeners: Class is full	SUN	LA Garden Show		Park Facilities, a Mt. San Antonio College course; 6-9:10pm
6 FRI	Ikebana with Reiko Kawamura; 8 Fridays; 9:30-11:30am; \$65/\$80 non-members		Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm  Botanical Watercolor Workshop; 9:30-11:	4 MON	Tai Chi, 8 Mondays; 6:30-7:30 Beginner; 7:30-8:30 Intermediate; \$48/\$52 non-members
7 SAT	The Great Easter Egg Hunt; 10am-2pm; \$5 per child for members/Regular admission plus \$10 per child for non-members.; pre-registration is NOT required	MON	30am; \$35/\$42 non-members; self-directed workshop  Tai Chi with Master Mochi Sasian Yau; 6:30-7:		Watercolor Workshop, 8 Mondays, 9:30- Noon; \$35/\$42 non-members; Self-directed; no instructor
	Family Bird Walk; 8am Santa Anita Derby Day; 8am		non-members  Park Facilities-Mt. San Antonio College class;	TUE	
8 SUN	Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm	QTHE	6-9:10pm; call 626.821.4623 for information  Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm	7 THU	
	Botanical Watercolor Workshop; 9:30-11:30; \$35/\$42 non-members; self-directed workshop		Plant Studies with Olga Eysymontt; 9:	8 FRI	
9 MON	Tai Chi with Master Mochi Sasian Yau; 6:30-7:30pm; Intermediate: 7:30-8:30pm; \$48/\$52 non-members	SWED	30am-1:30pm; \$160 / \$176 non-members  Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm  Seminars with Lili Singer: Open Mike for	9 SAT	Exotic Plant Show & Sale; 9am-4:30pm KidsArt; 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For
			Gardeners with Lili Singer; 9:30am-Noon; \$20 per class; pay at the door		Registration Call (818) 248-2764
10 TUE	Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm  Fresh Cooking Class: Chef Colin Crowley, Executive Chef, Sanford Winery & Vineyards;		Compulsive Gardeners: Class is full  Ikebana with Reiko Kawamura; 9:30-11:  30am; \$65/\$80 non-members	10 SUN	Watercolor Workshop, 8 Mondays, 9:30-
	3-5pm; \$35/\$40 non-members; pre-registration required: 626.821.4623  Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm  Seminars with Lili Singer: Field Trip-Three Gardens by Armstrong & Walker; 9:30-Noon;	12 SAT	Family Adventures: Mother's Day Hike & Tea; 2-4pm; \$15/family; \$20/family non-members  KidsArt; 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For Registration Call (818) 248-2764	1 1 MON	Noon; \$35/\$42 non-members; Self-directed; no instructor  Park Facilities, a Mt. San Antonio College course; 6-9:10pm  Tai Chi, 8 Mondays; 6:30-7:30 Beginner;
	\$20 per class; pre-registration required  Compulsive Gardeners: Class is full  Ikebana with Reiko Kawamura;	13 sun	Mother's Day Geranium Sale; 9am-4pm Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm Queen Anne Cottage Open House, 10am-4pm	TUE	7:30-8:30 Intermediate; \$48/\$52 non-members
	9:30-11:30am; \$65/\$80 non-members with \$24 materials fee  Family Adventures: Arboretum Treasure Hunt; 2-4pm; \$15/family; \$20/family non-		Botanical Watercolor Workshop; 9:30-11: 30am; \$35/\$42 non-members; self-directed workshop	TS WED	
	Members  KidsArt; 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For Registration, call (818) 248-2764  Korean Garden Festival; 9am-4:30pm	4 MON	Tai Chi with Master Mochi Sasian Yau; 6:30-7: 30pm; Intermediate: 7:30-8:30pm; \$48/\$52 non-members  Park Facilities-Mt. San Antonio College class;	THU	
	Arboretum Bookworms: "The Treasures of Nature"; storytelling & craft; Ages 3-8; 2-3pm		6-9:10pm; call 626.821.4623 for information  Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm		Garden Sprouts: Saturday Kids Gardening
15 sun	Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm  Gardening 101 with Steve Gerischer: Evaluate	16 WED	Plant Studies with Olga Eysymontt;	16 SAT	Club, 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month; 9-11am; \$10/class; \$12/class non-members  KidsArt; 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For Registration Call (818) 248-2764
	Botanical Watercolor Workshop; 9:30-11:30am; \$35/\$42 non-members; self-directed workshop.	17 THU		17 SUN	Arboretum Bookworms: "Pet Plants"; storytelling & craft; Ages 3-8; 2-3pm; FREE with Arboretum admission

# MAY 5 & 6 2007 DESIGNING YOUR GARDEN







Learn how to design your garden from the best designers in Southern California Buy one-of-a-kind plants Shop at The Marketplace Meet well-known garden experts and authors Ongoing demonstrations, entertainment and food all weekend long

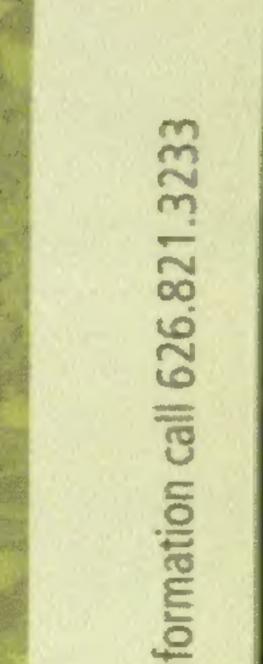
Garden Show Hours are 9am to 4.30pm Early admission for Arboretum members is 8am Regular admission fees apply: \$2.50 - \$7.00 Arboretum members are always free





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# The Marketplace will feature plants and garden accessories by

American Bamboo Society American Begonia Society Annie's Annuals and Perennials Antique Label Company Art Plantae Basket Case Bountiful Gardens Cal Poly Pomona Foundation California Rare Fruit Growers CM Metalworks Collectibles Epiphyllum Society of America Estrada's Palms Eye of the Day

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For detailed information To register for a class or ser

#### Lectures and Demonstrations

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#### Saturday, May 5

11am Annie's Annuals Nursery – Annie Hayes, Owner, and David Feix, Garden Designer "Annie's Fun & Fabulous Plants for Coastal California"

12pm Lili Singer, Horticultural Consultant and LA Times Garden Writer

"Going Green: Sustainability, Simplified"

1pm Gary Jones, Plantsman from Armstrong
Garden Centers

"Fresh Plants for Exciting New Gardens"

2pm George Hull, Mountain State Wholesale Nursery,

Plant Developer, Educator

"Cool Plants for Dry Places"

3pm Laura Morton, Artist/Landscape Designer

"Rags to Riches: a Garden Transformation"

#### Sunday, May 6

11am John Schoustra, Greenwood Daylily Nursery, Owner "Heaven Scent" - Pelargoniums, Daylilies & Iris

12pm Mark Bartos, Landscape Designer
"Borrowing from the Past"

1pm Steve Goto, Tomato Guru "It's All About Tomatoes!"

2pm Steve Gerischer, Landscape Designer

Design & the Avid Collector.

"Gotta Have it! Now what do I do with it?"

3pm Jeff Delzell, Descanso Gardens

Designing Fabulous Pots with Succulents

- A Demonstration

#### Entertainment

The Arboretum's Youth Education Department
Kidspace
Nasa's Spitzer Science Center
The Great Morgani
Wing Tasting



non-members; self-directed workshop

Tai Chi with Master Mochi Sasian Yau; 6:30-7:30pm; Intermediate: 7:30-8:30pm \$48/\$52 non-members

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Compulsive Gardeners: Class is full **Family Picnic Sunday** Tai Chi with Master Mochi Sasian Yau; 16 6:30-7:30pm; Intermediate: 7:30-8:30pm; Epiphyllum Show & Sale; 9am-4pm \$48/\$52 non-members **Arboretum Nature Summer Camp** Garden Sprouts: Saturday Kids Gardening Park Facilities-Mt. San Antonio College class; 19 Watercolor Workshop, 8 Mondays, 9:30-Club; 9-11am; \$10/class; \$12/class non-mem-Noon; \$35/\$42 non-members; Self-directed; bers Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm 18 no instructor KidsArt; 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For Park Facilities, a Mt. San Antonio College Registration Call (818) 248-2764 Plant Studies with Olga Eysymontt; course; 6-9:10pm 9:30am-1:30pm; \$160 / \$176 non-members Epiphyllum Show & Sale; 9am-4pm Tai Chi, 8 Mondays; 6:30-7:30 Beginner; Plants & People Lecture Series with Rob Arboretum Bookworms: "Fun with Fungi!"; 7:30-8:30 Intermediate; \$48/\$52 non-Weinstock, Chief Viticulturist for the Terlato storytelling & craft; Ages 3-8; 2-3pm 20 members Wine Group; "Making Great Wine Through Gardening 101 with Steve Gerischer: The Balanced Plant Science: Secrets to Sustainable Garden in Bloom (plus a Walk Around The Arbo-Success in the Vineyards"; 3pm Talk with Wine 19 **Arboretum Nature Summer Camp** retum); 2-4pm; \$18/\$20 non-members Tasting following; \$10/\$15 non-members; pay at the door Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm **Family Picnic Sundays** Arboretum Bookworms; 10-11am 20 Arboretum Bookworms; 10-11am **Botanical Watercolor Workshop**; **Arboretum Nature Summer Camp** 9:30-11:30pm; \$35/\$42 non-members; self-Seminars with Lili Singer: Smokers & Head-Turners: A Look Behind Closed Doors directed workshop 19 with Nicholas Staddon; 9:30am-Noon; \$20 per 21 **Arboretum Nature Summer Camp** Tai Chi with Master Mochi Sasian Yau; class; pay at the door 6:30-7:30pm; Intermediate: 7:30-8:30pm; Compulsive Gardeners: Class is full \$48/\$52 non-members **Arboretum Nature Summer Camp** Ikebana with Reiko Kawamura; Park Facilities-Mt. San Antonio College class; 9:30-11:30am; \$65/\$80 non-members 6-9:10pm; call 626.821.4623 for information Garden Sprouts: Saturday Kids Gardening KidsArt; 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm Club; 9-11am; \$10/class; Registration Call (818) 248-2764 \$12/class non-members Plant Studies with Olga Eysymontt; Hypertufa Pot Workshop; 2 classes: KidsArt; 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For 9:30am-1:30pm; \$160 / \$176 non-members 10am-12:30pm or 1:30-4pm; \$25/\$30 non-Registration Call (818) 248-2764 members; Reservations required Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm Build a Bin...Let Worms Eat Your Garbage: Family Workshop (all ages welcome); 2-4pm; 24 Gardening 101 with Steve Gerischer; \$20/family; \$25/family non-members 22 Mulch, Irrigation and Shade Oh My!; 2-4pm; Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm \$18/\$20 non-members Botanical Watercolor Workshop; \$35/\$42 25 non-members; self-directed workshop **Arboretum Nature Summer Camp;** Tai Chi with Master Mochi Sasian Yau; Bonsai Show; 9:30am-5pm 6:30-7:30pm; Intermediate: 7:30-8:30pm; Watercolor Workshop, 8 Mondays, 9:30-\$48/\$52 non-members Noon; \$35/\$42 non-members; Self-directed; 26 KidsArt; 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For 25 no instructor Registration Call (818) 248-2764 Park Facilities-Mt. San Antonio College class; Tai Chi, 8 Mondays; 6:30-7:30 Beginner; Bonsai Show; 9:30am-5pm Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm 7:30-8:30 Intermediate; \$48/\$52 non-24 members Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm Plant Studies with Olga Eysymontt; Bonsai Show; 9:30am-5pm 9:30am-1:30pm; \$160 / \$176 non-members **Arboretum Nature Summer Camp** 26 **Botanical Watercolor Workshop**; Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm 9:30-11:30am; \$35/\$42 non-members; self-Seminars with Lili Singer: Field Tripdirected workshop Wattles Farm & Wattles Mansion, Hollywood; **Arboretum Nature Summer Camp** 26 Park Facilities-Mt. San Antonio College class; 9:30am-Noon; \$20 per class; pre-registration required. Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm Compulsive Gardeners: Class is full **Arboretum Nature Summer Camp** 28 29 Plant Studies with Olga Eysymontt; Ikebana with Reiko Kawamura; 9:30am-1:30pm; \$160 / \$176 non-members 9:30-11:30am; \$65/\$80 non-members **Arboretum Nature Summer Camp** 29 Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm KidsArt; 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For Registration Call (818) 248-2764 Rose Show & Sale; 9am-3:30pm Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm 29 Rose Show & Sale; 9am-3:30pm Cal Phil Season begins Botanical Watercolor Workshop, 8 Mondays, April 30-June 18; 9:30-11:30; \$35/\$42 non-members; self-directed workshop Tai Chi with Master Mochi Sasian Yau; 6:30-7:30pm; Intermediate: 7:30-8:30pm; \$48/\$52 non-members Park Facilities-Mt. San Antonio College class;

## KIDS IN NATURE

Ongoing Youth Education Programs

#### **Garden Sprouts**

Saturday kids gardening club 9-11am
Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month
\$10/class for members | \$12/class non-members
April 21, May 19, June 2, June 16

#### **Family Adventures**

Saturday afternoon nature expeditions 2-4pm \$15/family for members | \$20/family for non-members Apr 14, May 12, June 2

#### Bookworms

Storytelling and hands-on activity for kids.

Every 3rd Sunday and Wednesday of the month

Sunday 2-3pm | April 15, May 20, June 17(ages 3-8)

Wednesday 10-11am | April 18, May 16, June 20 (pre-school age)

#### Arboretum Nature Camp begins in June.

Call the education office to register 626.821.4623.

# THE GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 7 10AM-2PM

\$5/child for members
Regular admission plus \$10/child for non-members

# GET INVOLVED

If you like special events and working with people, The Arboretum is in need of volunteers like you. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who would like to give their time in support of The Arboretum's activities.

3rd Annual Great Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 7

2007 LA Garden Show Saturday & Sunday May 5 & 6

If you are interested in volunteering for either of the above mentioned events, or for general information on volunteering at The Arboretum, please contact Lisa Beach, Volunteer Manager, at 626.821.5897 or lisa.beach@arborteum.org.

# CONNECT

As members of The Arboretum you may have questions about your membership benefits. Every quarter we will answer your questions here.

#### How does The Arboretum Reciprocal Program work?

As a member of The Arboretum you receive free admission and additional benefits at other botanic gardens, arboreta, and conservatories throughout North America. A list of participating institutions is available online at www.ahs.org Please be aware that the list is subject to change. Before visiting any garden, be sure to visit its website or call to verify its hours of operation and get the latest updates on programs and other information. Please remember to carry your Arboretum membership card with you when you travel to reciprocating gardens.

For membership information call 626.821.3233, seven days a week, 9am-4pm



#### The Peacock Café

Barbara West has been a caterer in the Pasadena area for over 21 years. Her business has expanded to service many prestigious University of Southern California and Los Angeles Times events, as well as many private clients. Her restaurant "Barbara's at the Brewery" is located in the Brewery Arts Colony in Los Angeles. Her repertoire includes multi-course sit down dinners for small or large numbers to picnics, buffets and station parties for a few to three thousand. Together with her capable and talented staff, she hopes to bring the same event planning and performance to The Arboretum.

"Our vision for the Peacock Café and catering operations is to provide the highest quality food and service, while taking steps to be environmentally sensitive." Says Greg Semancik, manager of The Peacock Café.



Matthew Semancik, Excecutive chef is a graduate of the Le Cordon Bleu Chef program from the California School of Culinary Arts in Pasadena. He has worked with some of the finest chefs and restaurants in Los Angeles such as Ludovic Lefebvre at Bastide and Christophe Eme at Ortolan along with spending time working at the Sissinou in Biarrtitz, France. Tiffany Martin and David Abrams are also alums from Le Cordon Bleu Chef program from the California School of Culinary Arts in Pasadena.

The café serves weekly specials on dinnerware and uses compostable plates, cups, and utensils made of sugar cane, corn, and potato starch. Using herbs from the Organic Vegetable Garden, they hope to make their foods unique to The Arboretum experience. They are working towards composting appropriate kitchen waste right in the garden.

The Peacock Café is Open daily 9-4pm For catering call 626.447.0641.

# GRAPEVINE

#### Discover the Fun

The Arboretum has launched its new Discovery Cart program with the generous support of Southern California Edison and Arboretum volunteers. Look out for this colorful cart with the umbrella around the garden. It is full of educational and fun activities for kids of various ages. It will make learning about our natural world even more fun.

### On For the Ride

Did you know The Arboretum is only 15 miles away from downtown Los Angeles? According to AAA, a 15 mile round-trip equals \$7.73 of gas. Consider riding public transportation to The Arboretum one day. You can take the Gold Line and catch the MTA bus line 268 or the Foothill Transit line 187. An MTA day pass is \$3.00 and valid on all MTA bus lines and the local fare for Foothill Transit is \$1.00. The average travel time from Union Station in downtown to The Arboretum is about 55 minutes. Imagine all the reading and site seeing you can do while you ride through historic Los Angeles.

# Electric Vehicle Charge Up Station

The or all those who now own electric or hybrid vehicles, The Arboretum has an electric vehicle charge up station right in the parking lot. There are 4 stations available on the north side of the main parking lot. Charge up your vehicle while you have lunch at The Peacock Café or take a leisurely stroll through the gardens.



### DISCOVERY TRAILS

# California's Fields of Beauty

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There's an agave that I didn't get to visit when I lived at Grand Canyon National Park. It's named *Agave phillipsiana*. It is known from only four very remote locations deep, inside the canyon, where three out of the four locations are associated with archaeological sites. Wendy Hodgson, Senior Research Botanist at Desert Botanical Garden and the botanist, who named the agave, determines that it is a "relictual cultivar" created and tended by pre-Columbian peoples. Arizona has four other examples of agaves developed this way. When I learned about these, it was one of those "wow" moments for me when I more clearly understood how humans and plants have had deep and intense relationships with each other as long as humans have existed.

Another experience I had at Grand Canyon (because I was one of the founders of the Grand Canyon Book Club) was reading endless books, which were always well written, about a person from the East who was writing about the wonders of the "West." As a westerner I was always a little peeved that I hadn't thought to share my varied experiences, because I always thought the Easterners were a little too astonished that the desert actually had plants in it. But when I came back to Southern California, I was reminded that westerners often take their astonishing beauties for granted. The San Gabriel Mountains, in which I was nestled as a youngster (in Hastings Ranch, Pasadena), have revealed their grandeur to me as a returning adult. What a magnificent backdrop for our Arboretum, a beautiful view up my street on the way home and an incredible geological phenomenon.

California's fields of wildflowers in Antelope Valley, the Carrizo Plain, the Santa Rosa Plateau, Table Mountain, the Kern County foothills and Anza Borrego are remnant icons which resonate what the first Spanish visitors such as Father Juan Crespi described when he journeyed north in California in 1770. The fields were perceived as natural or untamed wilderness, but we now know that much of California was a managed landscape by the native peoples of California who used fire, selective harvesting, tilling, sowing, weeding and transplanting to create that environment. This knowledge evolved over the 10,000 year history of indigenous peoples living in the West.

Here at The Arboretum we are creating our own little section where we are "tending the wild." Beneath the Englemann oak (*Quercus engelmannii*) grove and up to the top of the south side of Tallac Knoll we have scattered California wild flower seeds. Last March the wildflowers created a wonderful carpet-like display and this spring we expect an equal or more glorious spread depending on the Southern Californian famously fickle rain patterns. Out of the sixteen species we scattered six were readily identifiable last year. Three of those species can be clearly documented as extant in the Pasadena, Santa Anita area as late as 1895. They are California Poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*), Baby Blue Eyes (*Nemophila menziesii*) and Tidytips (*Layia platyglossa*). This year more will probably sprout. Come take your jaded western eyes and reappreciate California's fields of beauty. Here at The Arboretum we tend for fleeting beauty and so our future generations will understand why humans and plants are intertwined.



# GIGABYTE GARDENING

A Talk by Rob Weinstock
"Making Great Wine: Secrets to Sustainable
Success in the Vineyards"

A s part of our Plants & People lecture series we bring you a talk by Rob Weinstock, Chief Vitculturist for the Terlato Wine Group. Rob has a passion for creating the highest quality wines beginning at their source. Since 2002 he has been Manager of Vineyard Operations and Grower Relations for the Terlato Family wineries in California.

Wednesday, April 18; 3:00pm
Wine tasting to follow in the Garden & Gift Shop
\$10 for members/\$15 for non-members

Call the education department at 626.821.4623 for reservations.

# Celebrate Earth Day and Assemble a Worm Bin

This fun, hands-on workshop is the perfect way for a family or individual to contribute to household recycling efforts. You will learn all you need to know to successfully maintain a vermicompost bin, complete with red wiggler worms and instructions to take home. This is a family workshop (all ages welcome).

Sunday, April 22; 2-4pm \$20/family for members; \$25/family for non-members (includes all supplies)

Reservations Required.

Call the education department at 626.821.4623 or email tiffany.carr@arboretum.org to register.

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Angie and Jerry Gyllenskog

he Arboretum has received a wondrous gift from Angie and Jerry Gyllenskog of Covina, California. It is their gem, mineral and fossil collection created from a lifetime of collecting.

There are many unusual gems and minerals and a special interest in scenes created from slices of rocks. The Arboretum is especially grateful for the varied specimens of petrified wood, roots and cones.

These items tie our living plant collections to past geologic eras.

One fossil of particular interest is the sequoia cone from the Eocene or Oligocene (as much as 55 million years ago) which is closely related to the same kind of tree still living today and growing in The Arboretum near the northwest edge of the lagoon.

The collection is housed in The Arboretum Library open Tuesday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.-5:15 p.m. and every other Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come visit and see the wonders.





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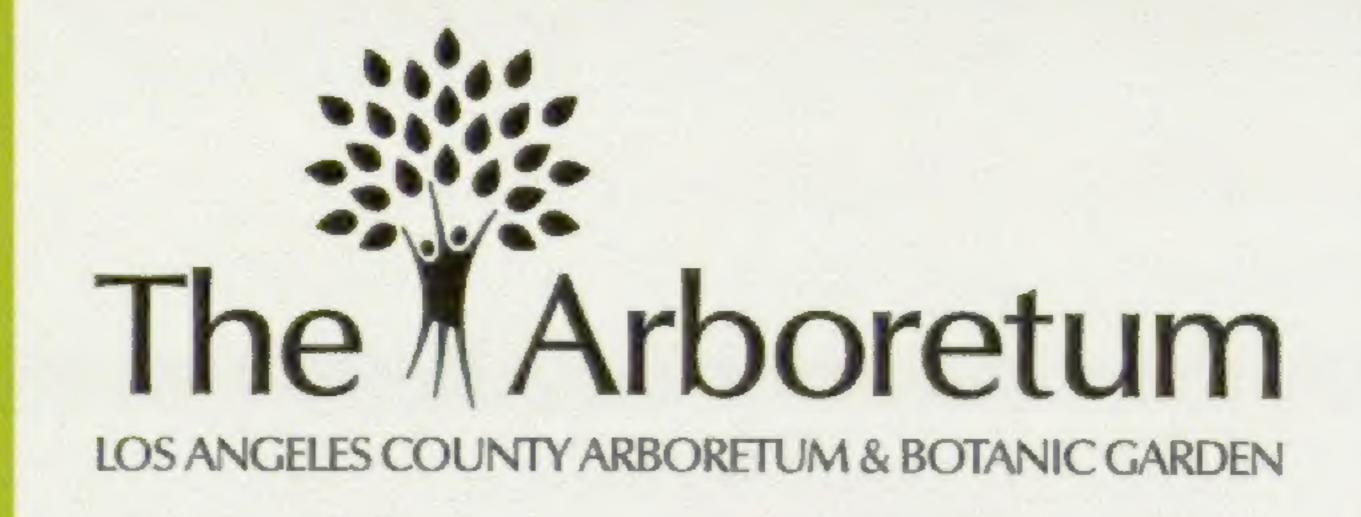
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